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1. THIS MESSAGE RESPONDS TO QUESTIONS PARA 6 REFTTEL RELATING
TO PRESIDENTIAL PROGRAM FOR RIO.

2. Q: WHICH BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS WOULD BE INVOLVED IN WELCOMING
CEREMONIES IN RIO AND WHAT WOULD THESE CEREMONIES INVOLVE?
ASSUMING GENERAL PATTERN FOLLOWED FOR VISIT LAST NOVEMBER OF
VENEZUELAN PRESIDENT PEREZ, WELCOMING BRAZILIAN OFFICIALS
WOULD INCLUDE GOVERNOR FARIA LIMA, MAYOR MARCOS TAMOYO,
PRESIDENT OF RIO STATE SASSEMBLY AND THE THREE SENIOR
MILITARY SERVICE COMMANDERS (COMMANDERS FIRST ARMY, FIRST
NAVAL DISTRICT AND THIRD AIR REGION) AND ITAMARATY LOCAL
REPRESENTATIVE. DO NOT KNOW IF SENIOR OFFICIALS WOULD
COME FROM BRASILIA FOR THE VISIT AND ALSO BE PRESENT. BRIEF
AND SIMPLE AIRPORT ARRIVAL CEREMONY WOULD BE MILITARY HONOR
GUARD WITH TRUMPET FANFARE, BUT NO NATIONAL ANTHEMS AND
PROBABLY NO OTHER SOLEMNITIES -- THOUGH WE CANNOT VERIFY
DETAILS UNTIL AUTHORIZED TO DISCUSS WITH AUTHORITIES.

3. Q: HOW CAN WE PLAN A TOUR THROUGH RIO WHICH WOULD GIVE
THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT STRONG VISUAL EFFECT FOR MEDIA COVERAGE?
ASSUME THIS QUESTION IS RELATED TO THE ITEM CALLED "PEOPLE
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EVENT" LISTED IN SCHEDULE GIVEN IN PARA 4. WE SUGGEST THE
FOLLOWING FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONNECTION WITH THAT ITEM AND
OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT MAY BE ENVISAGED FOR SUBSEQUENT
"PRIVATE TIME": (1) WREATH LAYING AT THE MONUMENT TO BRAZIL'S
WORLD WAR II DEAD (LOCATED NEAR CITY CENTER). THIS WOULD BE
A SIMPLE BUT DIGNIFIED MILITARY CEREMONY WHICH WOULD HAVE
CONSIDERABLE SYMBOLIC VALUE FOR BRAZILIANS, ONLY LATIN AMERICANS

WHO FOUGHT WITH ALLIES, AND ALSO WOULD ATTRACT EXTENSIVE MEDIA COVERAGE. BELIEVE ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE IF NECESSARY TO INCLUDE SOME DIRECT CONTACT WITH NON-OFFICIAL BRAZILIAN SPECTATORS AFTER CONCLUSION OF CEREMONY; (2) AN AUTOMOBILE TOUR OF THE CITY AND ENVIRONS, AS TIME WOULD PERMIT, PERHAPS WITH A FEW STOPS IN BUSY AREAS SUCH AS DOWNTOWN (AVENIDA RIO BRANCO) AND BEACHFRONT AREA (E.G., COPACABANA OR IPANEMA) WHERE PRESIDENT COULD HAVE CONTACTS WITH PEOPLE; (3) POSSIBLY AS PART OF THE TOUR, A BRIEF STOP AT ESCOLA ESTADOS UNIDOS, A FORMERLY AID-SUPPORTED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHING MAINLY UNDERPRIVILEGED CHILDREN, A SCHOOL STILL BENEFITTING FROM A PRIVATE AMERICAN CHARITABLE FOUNDATION IN RIO AND ONE WHICH, IN GRATITUDE, ANNUALLY CELEBRATES OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY IN A COLORFUL CEREMONY; THIS VISIT WOULD PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET TYPICAL BRAZILIAN CHILDREN AND TEACHERS AND WOULD PROBABLY INSPIRE EXTENSIVE AND FAVORABLE MEDIA COVERAGE; (4) IN CONNECTION WITH EVENING PROGRAM, A PERFORMANCE BY A TYPICAL BRAZILIAN SAMBA "SCHOOL" SUCH AS, ESPECIALLY, THE "BEIJA FLOR" SCHOOL WHICH THIS YEAR WON ITS THIRD CHAMPIONSHIP IN CARNAVAL. PERFORMANCE BY THIS LARGELY BLACK GROUP AGAIN WOULD ATTRACT MEDIA COVERAGE AND WOULD AROUSE A VERY SYMPATHETIC REACTION FROM BRAZILIANS FOR WHOM CARNAVAL, SAMBA, AND BEIJA FLOR ARE IMPORTANT POPULAR NATIONAL CULTURAL SYMBOLS. (NOTE, THOUGH, THAT MANY OF THE GIRLS ARE CLAD SOMEWHAT SCANTILY.) WE BELIEVE SUCH A PERFORMANCE COULD BE ARRANGED AT THE HOTEL OR AT ANOTHER CONVENIENT AND SECURE LOCATION.

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IENT AND SECURE LOCATION.

4. REFTTEL DOES NOT MENTION EVENING PLANS, BUT PRESIDENT PEREZ VISIT TO RIO INCLUDED DINNER BY STATE GOVERNOR, AND WE PREDICT SUCH A DINNER WILL BE OFFERED. IF SO, GOVERNOR'S OFFICE MIGHT ARRANGE POST-DINNER ENTERTAINMENT AND WE COULD, IF THERE IS INTEREST, RAISE SAMBA SCHOOL SUGGESTION. ALSO, CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO A BRIEF, INFORMAL RECEPTION BY PRESIDENT BEFORE DINNER TO INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WITH WHOM PRESIDENT AND MRS CARTER BECAME ACQUAINTED DURING THEIR VISIT TO RIO IN 1972. RECEPTION COULD ALSO INCLUDE A FEW LEADING AMERICAN RESIDENTS.

5. FOR HOTEL ROOMS, WE NEED A GREEN LIGHT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO DISCUSS REQUIREMENTS WITH CHOSEN HOTEL OR HOTELS. PRESUME WE SHOULD NOT RAISE SUBJECT WITH THEM UNTIL PRESIDENT'S BRAZIL TRAVEL PLANS ARE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED. IN ANY CASE WE NEED DETAILS ABOUT THE KIND OF ACCOMMODATIONS REQUIRED. OUR RECOMMENDATION IS THAT THE PRESIDENT AND PARTY STAY AT ONE OF THE AMERICAN-OWNED HOTELS, THE SHERATON OR THE INTER-CONTINENTAL, BOTH OF WHICH ARE LOCATED IN SCENIC AREAS SOMEWHAT REMOTE FROM THE MAIN PART OF THE CITY BUT WHICH

OFFER GOOD FACILITIES. NOTE THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER AND
LARGE ENTOURAGE STAYED AT THE SHERATON IN EARLY 1976 AND ALL
ARRANGEMENTS THEN WERE EXCELLENT. WE THINK THE INTERCON-
TINENTAL COULD DO AT LEAST AS WELL AND WOULD SLIGHTLY FAVOR
IT FOR ITS MANAGERIAL CAPABILITIES, WHICH WE THINK ARE NOW
SLIGHTLY SUPERIOR TO THE SHERATON. ON THE OTHER HAND, IT IS
ABOUT 15 MINUTES FARTHER FROM THE MAIN PART OF THE CITY. WE
CANNOT, OF COURSE, BE SURE THAT EITHER OF THESE HOTELS COULD
PROVIDE 450 ROOMS IN DESIRED CONFIGURATIONS BUT FOR SOME
CATEGORIES OF ACCOMPANYING PERSONNEL HOUSING IN SEPARATE
HOTELS WOULD PRESUMABLY NOT POSE A PROBLEM. IN ANY CASE WE
NEED TO START WORKING ON THIS MATTER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
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